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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASATO IKEDA, ET. AL.

Application No.: 10/088,594

Filing Date: March 21, 2002

For: NOVEL TRANSALDOLASE
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: Examiner: Christian L. Fronda
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: Group Art Unit: 1652
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: January 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003 to January 10, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please amend the application as follows:

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